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## SENATE BILL No. 537

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-43-4-9.

**Synopsis:** Interference with newspaper distribution. Provides that a person who exerts unauthorized control over at least five copies of a newspaper with the intent to interfere with the distribution of the newspaper commits interference with newspaper distribution, a Class C misdemeanor.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 20, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 35-43-4-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2005]: **Sec. 9. (a) As used in this section, "exert control over a  
4 newspaper" means to obtain, conceal, convey, encumber, possess,  
5 or destroy a newspaper.**

6       **(b) As used in this section, "newspaper" means one (1) press run  
7 of a newspaper. The term includes a newspaper that is distributed  
8 on a complimentary or compensatory basis.**

9       **(c) For purposes of this section, a person's control over a  
10 newspaper of another person is "unauthorized" if it is exerted:**

11           **(1) without the other person's consent; or**

12           **(2) in a manner or to an extent other than that to which the  
13 other person has consented.**

14       **(d) A person who knowingly or intentionally exerts  
15 unauthorized control over at least five (5) copies of a newspaper  
16 with the intent to interfere with the distribution of the newspaper  
17 commits interference with newspaper distribution, a Class C**



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1       **misdemeanor.**  
2       SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] **IC 35-43-4-9, as added**  
3       **by this act, applies only to offenses committed after June 30, 2005.**

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